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Shelter Cove is a small fishing community in Northern California that relies on **hook and line fishing** as its main economic base. Our harbor allows limited numbers of small boats to be launched daily with not only limited fishing ability but also they are limited by the distance they can safely travel to access fishing grounds. Why should ecologically sound fishing techniques be phased out with only the larger **discard** boats eventually being able to reach fishable waters. The trawlers love the idea of closing shallower waters as this will replenish their stocks so they don't go out of business and can carry on netting and destroying EVERYTHING outside of the marine reserves. Don't exempted fishing permits allow trawlers to fish in protected zones anyway? El nino will cause northward movement of bio mass and many marine species leave the reserves to be mopped up by nets, as happened to the yellow tail snapper in Oregon or die due to lack of nutrients. I don't want to eat farmed fish nor old, brown, smashed dragger fillets. The freshest fish from draggers is globally marketed to the highest bidder, we will get what is left. Having a healthy local market is good for the general population as a whole making sure fresh, organic, genetically unaltered, fish are available. Live fish are in high demand and draggers cannot fill this market. Reducing the number of trawlers would affect the global marketing of fish but would not affect local economies. The buy-out program for trawlers that Leon Panetta touted as the answer to overfishing only allowed newer trawlers to enter the fleet. Mid water nets can now more accurately skim over rocks without damaging their nets and this means rocks are now being trawled. These used to be natural reserves from the trammel nets but now even these are being fished.

The community of Shelter Cove is in itself a jewel and many people comment how few places are left in the States like the Cove. It would be criminal if the Cove was not treated as a special fishing place as man has been fishing here for thousands of years without inbalancing nature. Big business is changing this situation and I believe will try and obtain all the resources available through funding grants and using sound science to direct fishing regulations to impact everybody but themselves.

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